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(Cura 81CIP)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Quinn, et al.  
ASSIGNEE: CuraGen Corporation  
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/996,015 EXAMINER: Not Yet Assigned  
FILING DATE: November 28, 2001 ART UNIT: 1652  
FOR: AORTIC CARBOXYPEPTIDASE-LIKE PROTEIN AND NUCLEIC  
ACIDS ENCODING SAME

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This Application claims priority to USSN 60/159,613 filed October 14, 1999, USSN 60/175,534, filed January 11, 2000, USSN 60/224,086, filed August 9, 2000 and 09/641,741 filed August 18, 2000 each of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct the priority claim. No new matter has been added.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Reference No. 15966-581CIP (Cura 81CIP). Should any questions or issues arise concerning this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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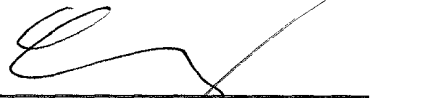
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Respectfully submitted,



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